

I Samuel 8:4-7

⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah; ⁵ and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations." ⁶ But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. ⁷ And the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.

Much like the children of Israel at Ramah, America has chosen the way of the world over the things of God! We have embraced atheism, agnosticism, humanism, paganism, abortion, homosexuality, evolution, and the list goes on and on. We have discarded the Laws and Commandments of God with 'feel good' values that are ripping this nation apart at the seams. The church is so dead and powerless in America, that it has become a mockery in every aspect of our nation. If anyone takes a stand for righteousness, they are quickly labeled intolerant, by the very people and organizations who are themselves intolerant of the things of God. Our nation is heading down a road of destruction unlike anything that we have ever known on this soil; because we have removed God from every part of our culture. America has replaced our Christian morals with our love of money. Look with me at **Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.** This scripture has never become more real to me than it has today, as I see that this great nation has chosen money over our God. Unfortunately, this choice has been made by many in the church as well. Brethren, there is nothing wrong with having or not having money or wealth, the problem is when it becomes first in your life. I want you to consider how America is at the brink of a national depression, which could be months, weeks, or days away. We have gone from being the single greatest lending nation in the world, to the number one indebted nation. Because our leaders had no restraint when it came to spending our national resources, we are today bankrupt! Please allow me to explain this spending process: First party spending is when you buy something for yourself, with your own money, you weigh its cost verses its value. Second party spending, is when you buy something for someone else. More times than not, you're not as concerned with the value, but you are more aware of the cost. Third party spending is when someone else is spending your money, on something they want. They have little to no concern with cost in relation to value. This is exactly how the government has handled our tax dollars for the past forty plus years! This lack of accountability is a direct reflection on the moral bankruptcy which preceded the financial one we are already enslaved to. America chose as a nation to replace the Living God, and all that He stands for, with the almighty dollar; and the church has done nothing!

Friends, our situation is beyond critical. Our only hope is Jesus Christ!! The problem is that we are addicted to our spending habits personally, and nationally. Unless the church gets serious with God, and begins to repent of her sins, then America as we know it will fall. If the pastors and church leaders don't call for a time of national fasting and repentance, then our legacy as a Christian nation will cease to exist.